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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED MATERIAL FOR INCLUSION IN TEXT OF
MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS FOR TEXT OF
MINISTERIAL DECLARATION WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU
MAKING AVAILABLE SOONEST TO OECD SECRETARIAT:

MINISTERS:

--CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OECD MEMBER
STATES TO SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENT BOTH NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY.

--NOTING THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THE OECD HAS MADE TO
MEMBER STATES' EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.

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--REAFFIRMING THE SUPPORT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR THE OECD GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AGREED TO BY THE COUNCIL AND IN PARTICULAR THE DESIRABILITY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES COOPERATING TO HARMONIZE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN THE INTEREST OF PROMOTING A BETTER ENVIRONMENT AND AVOIDING THE CREATION OF NEW BARRIERS TO TRADE.

DECLARE:

--THAT DESPITE ENERGY AND OTHER RESOURCE PROBLEMS ALL MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY TO THE PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

--THAT THE EFFORTS IN THE OECD CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES' ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

--THAT SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND BALANCED ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE FULLY COMPATIBLE AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING.

--THAT ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ECONOMIC DECISIONS WHETHER AT THE INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL OR LOCAL LEVEL SHOULD BE MADE WITH DUE REGARD FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND COSTS.

--THAT TO HELP INSURE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES SUCH ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS SHOULD BE BORNE BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE.

--THAT IN PURSUING THE OBJECTIVE OF A PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVER THE NEXT DECADE CONFLICTS BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS BE RESOLVED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON ASSESSMENTS WHICH TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF COMMON PROPERTY.

--THAT GOVERNMENTS GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ENVIRON-
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MENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE ENERGY AND OTHER RESOURCE SHORTAGES BY CONSERVATION OF ENERGY, RESTRAINTS ON THE USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO RECYCLE AND SUBSTITUTE MATERIALS. SUCH MEASURES WILL HELP REINFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY.

--THAT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DECLINING ENERGY RESOURCES REDUCED MOBILITY, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ACCELERATE EFFORTS

TO IMPROVE THE AMENITIES OF URBAN LIFE.

--THAT GOVERNMENTS GIVE PRIORITY TO SIGNING RATIFYING
AND IMPLEMENTING CONVENTIONS ALREADY NEGOTIATED TO
PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND FACILITATE THE
NEGOTIATION OF FUTURE NEEDED CONVENTIONS.

--THAT GOVERNMENTS TAKE ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT
THESE MEASURES WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING CONTINUED
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAKE THE BENEFITS OF OECD
COOPERATION IN THIS EFFORT FREELY AVAILABLE TO ALL
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